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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 30 October 1999

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 1999

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Monday, 1 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3 p.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/234) [8].

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85.

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy issues [97]

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (A/54/28)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.18

2. Globalization and interdependence [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19

3. Macroeconomic policy issues [97]

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (A/54/28)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113](A/54/487)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [126] (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

Afternoon**	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I-III), A/54/7, A/54/16, A/54/127, A/54/206, A/54/434, A/54/443, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/16, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/21, A/C.5/54/22, A/C.5/54/23, A/C.5/54/25, A/C.5/54/26, A/C.5/54/27, A/53/7/Add.15, A/53/641, A/53/643, A/53/794, A/53/833, A/53/955, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2)

Continuation of general discussion

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* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Immediately following the adjournment of the 44th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159 and Corr.1, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7))

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twenty-first session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session [7]

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session of 1999
(Part II)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Announcement

Information on the new structure and working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) may be obtained in the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1212).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 1 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 100 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa) (A/C.2/54/L.8), 99 (c) (Women in development) and 100 (b) (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 1 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Presentation

The Department of Public Information will make a presentation on the United Nations Web site on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 2 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 4 November 1999, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson: Sir Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture); Dr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Roberto Garretón (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); and Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia);

On 5 November: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Francis Deng (Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi) and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda);

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A, to continue discussions on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoeala (Lesotho), will hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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The next consultation in the series of meetings on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will take place on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 October 1999

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

49th meeting

Meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of directors of the International Monetary Fund

The Deputy-Secretary-General addressed the meeting.

A statement was made by the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The President of the Council made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Panel on Poverty Eradication and the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative

A statement was made by the Assistant Director, Official Financing Operations Division, Policy Development and Review Department of the International Monetary Fund.

H.E. Mr. Percy Mongoaela (Lesotho), Vice-President of the Council, and the Executive Director of the IMF acted as mediators of the Panel.

A dialogue ensued among the members and observers to which the panellists and members of the Board of Directors of the IMF responded.

Panel on Post-conflict Peace Building: Approach to Assistance and Peace Building

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), Vice-President of the Council.

Introductory statements were made by the representatives of the IMF.

H.E. Dr. Jānis Priedkalns (Latvia) and the Executive Director of the IMF acted as mediators.

A dialogue took place among the members and observers of the Council.

Friday, 29 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

42nd plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that the Democratic Republic of the Congo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in the Article 19 of the Charter.

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Angola, Austria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Portugal and the Sudan were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Seychelles had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in the Article 19 of the Charter.

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Since two seats from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and two seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Bahrain	125
Croatia	90
Ecuador	36
Fiji	88
Kazakhstan	44
Lithuania	82
Mexico	110
Suriname	94
Thailand	61
Uruguay	91

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bahrain was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly decided, on a proposal by the President, to postpone to the afternoon the balloting for one seat from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and two seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

43rd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador and Thailand.

Since one seat from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and two seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The result of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Croatia	93
Ecuador	1
Fiji	165
Lithuania	77
Mexico	107
Suriname	115
Thailand	2
Uruguay	97

On the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Fiji and Suriname were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

A statement was made by the representative of Lithuania.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States and one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The result of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Croatia	160
Lithuania	6
Mexico	106
Uruguay	64

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Croatia was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot).

The result of the fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ecuador	1
Guatelama	1
Mexico	145
Uruguay	4

On the fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Mexico was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The following eighteen States were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000: Angola, Austria, Bahrain, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, Sudan and Suriname.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.*

* The remaining part of the summary of the 43rd plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/210).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued and concluded its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Benin, the Netherlands, Finland (on behalf of European Union), Kenya, Australia, Mongolia and Nepal.

The representative of Peru introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.51.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.43.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.34.

The representative of Myanmar introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.41.

The representative of Burkina Faso (on behalf of the African group) introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/54/L.6, L.10 and L.17.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.52.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.36.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/54/L.11, L.29 and L.30.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.12.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.37.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 16th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87]

On the proposal of the Chairman and agreed upon by the Committee, the Report prepared for the Office for Outer Space Affairs on the organizational matters relating to the holding of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), which was only available in English, was circulated as a conference room paper (A/C.4/54/CRP.1) in the Committee.

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by Iraq, the Czech Republic, Tunisia, Mexico, Ecuador, Israel, Pakistan, Ukraine, Philippines and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to waive rule 120 under the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and consider at that meeting the draft resolutions circulated during the course of that meeting.

The representative of India (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.6 and L.7, in the course of which he drew attention to some technical errors in those resolutions.

The Committee also decided to request the Chairman to address a letter to the Secretariat to schedule the next session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as originally agreed by the Committee at its last session in July.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece and Tunisia in the course of which they drew attention to further technical errors in those resolutions, in particular, in the English and French versions.

The Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.6 and L.7 without a vote.

The representative of India made a statement.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 87.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 88 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible and also to kindly submit the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 88 and 89, respectively, in order to conclude those items as scheduled.

SECOND COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.14

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.15

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(c) Women in development

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard introductory statements by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Dominican Republic, the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Norway, China, Cyprus, Myanmar and Israel.

27th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 99 (c) and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Namibia, Kuwait, Cuba, Pakistan, Japan and Tunisia.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Food Programme.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that consideration of item 100 (b), entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", originally scheduled for Tuesday, 2 November, had been postponed to Monday, 8 November, in the morning.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Azerbaijan, Oman, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United Republic of Tanzania, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Israel, Argentina, the Republic of Moldova, Mali, Iraq, Andorra, Nigeria, Haiti, Singapore, Pakistan, Cuba, Tunisia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel introduced a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/24).

The Director of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced a note by the Secretary-General (A/54/483).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ukraine, Japan, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Algeria and Tunisia.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel and the Director of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs replied to questions posed.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a statement.

Statements were also made by the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA).

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the annual report of that Office (A/54/393).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Norway, Pakistan and Poland.

Other matters

The representative of Portugal, Mrs. Regina Emerson, upon her retirement, made a farewell statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Prof. Zdzislaw Galicki, introduced Chapter V of the report of the Commission dealing with State responsibility.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Argentina, France, Portugal, the Netherlands and Poland.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Egypt spoke.

The Secretary of the Committee also spoke.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER 1999

1801st and 1802nd (closed) meetings

The Committee continued its consideration of concluding observations and communications, in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1999

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 1st meeting

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [5]

The Committee elected Ms. Ingrid Mollestad as Vice-Chairman-*cum*-Rapporteur.

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Adolphe Nahayo (Burundi), made an opening statement on the item.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 5. Mr. Kamran Kousari, UNCTAD Coordinator for Africa, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), India (on behalf of the Asian Group), the United States, Japan, Madagascar, Burundi, Poland, China, South Africa and Finland (on behalf of the European Union), as well as by the representative of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

2nd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 5 and heard a statement by the representative of Norway.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on the item.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1999

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 1st meeting

Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for Least Developed countries for the 1990s and review of the status of the preparatory process for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [4]

The Committee elected Mr. Mussie Delelegn Arega (Ethiopia) as its Vice-Chairman-*cum*-Rapporteur.

The Chairman, Mr. Walter Lewalter (Germany), made an opening statement on the item.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Committee then began its consideration of item 4 with an introductory statement by Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Ethiopia (on behalf of the African Group), Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries of the Asian Group), Nepal, Sudan, China, Czech Republic, United States, Egypt, Japan and Madagascar.

FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1999

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 2nd meeting

Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for Least Developed countries for the 1990s and review of the status of the preparatory process for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of item 4. Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Norway, Zambia, the Republic of Korea, Poland and South Africa, as well as by the representatives of the World Bank and the Common Fund for Commodities.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will make a presentation of the "Making Children Count" initiative, a new Web-based database on the measures taken around the world to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A CD Rom featuring an overview of the database will be made available on this occasion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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